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UNCRAD COMMON FUND MEETING
NOVEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 2

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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RESPONSE
TO QUESTIONS PARA 3 REFTEL.

A. (1) FOREIGN MINISTRY IS PRIMARY AGENCY
INFLUENCING GOP POSITION ON COMMON FUND, ALTHOUGH
FINANCE, MINES, AND COMMERCE MINISTRIES AND NATIONAL
PLANNING INSTITUTE HAVE SOME INPUT IN DECISION
MAKING.

(2) WITHIN FOREIGN MINISTRY ECONOMIC
AFFAIRES SECRETARIAT, HEADED BY AMBASSADOR JUAN DE
LA PIEDRA, HAS PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMON
FUND POLICY. HOWEVER, DE LA PIEDRA LEAVES POLICY
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FORMULATION TO SUBORDINATES FERNANDO GUILLEN, DIRECTOR
OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND (TO A LESSER EXTENT) JAIME
STIGLICH, CHIEF OF BASIC PRODUCTS DIVISION. BOTH
GUILLEN AND STIGLICH WORKED CLOSELY WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER DE LA PUENTE WHEN HE WAS UNDER SECRETARY
FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THEY HAVE BEEN STRONGLY
INFLUENCED BY HIM. MOREOVER, GUILLEN'S SERVICE AT

PERU'S GENEVA MISSION DURING THE MID 70'S HAS HELPED FORM HIS VIEWS WITH REGARD TO THE COMMON FUND AND GENERAL UNCTAD MATTERS.

(3) GUILLEN, STIGLICH, AND THEIR STAFFS, IN CONSULTATION WITH PERU'S AMBASSADORS TO THE U.N. IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA, ALZAMORA AND ARIAS SCHREIBER, RESPECTIVELY, WILL DRAFT THE PERUVIAN POSITION, WHICH WILL THEN HAVE TO RECEIVE CLEARANCE AND APPROVAL FROM DE LA PIEDRA AND DE LA PUENTE. THERE WILL ALSO BE CONSULTATION AT THE WORKING LEVEL WITH OTHER INTERESTED MINISTRIES, BUT AS NOTED EARLIER, FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL HAVE PREDOMINANT ROLE IN ELABORATING PERU'S POSITION.

B. (1) FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THAT CURRENT BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS MAKE THEIR ATTENDANCE AT NOVEMBER MEETING UNCERTAIN. HOWEVER, STRONG GOP INTEREST IN COMMON FUND AND INTEGRATED PROGRAM MAY IMPEL GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE TO SEND SOMEONE FROM LIMA.

(2) WHETHER OFFICIALS FROM CAPITAL ARE ON DELEGATION OR NOT, FOREIGN MINISTRY IS LIKELY TO ISSUE EXTENSIVE AND MODERATELY DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT BOTH ALZAMORA AND ARIAS SCHREIBER ARE CONSIDERED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY AS TWO OF PERU'S MOST EXPERIENCED AND CAPABLE DIPLOMATS AND THEY HAVE (OR AT LEAST HAVE ACTED IN PAST AS IF THEY HAD) WIDE CONFIDENTIAL

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LATITUDE IN FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS. THUS DISCUSSION AT FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH USG REPS MAY BE HELPFUL IN ATTEMPTING TO HAVE GOP GIVE MORE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS DELEGATION.

C. (1) PERU IN LAST YEAR HAS INDICATED IT WILL GIVE MORE ATTENTION TO ITS TIES WITHIN REGION BUT IT STILL HAS CONTINUED INTEREST IN MAINTAINING ITS POSITION AS A LEADER (ALBEIT MORE MODERATE) IN THIRD WORLD ENDEAVORS. THUS PERU CAN BE EXPECTED TO STRIVE FOR IMPORTANT ROLE AND ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE OTHER PARTICIPANTS AT COMMON FUND CONFERENCE. WHILE PERU'S POSITION WILL BE INFLUENCED TO A LARGE EXTENT BY VIEWS OF INDIVIDUALS NOTED IN ABOVE AS WELL AS DESIRES TO MAINTAIN PERU'S THIRD WORLD CREDENTIALS AND TO OBTAIN HIGHER PRICES FOR ITS VARIOUS MATERIAL EXPORTS, THESE FACTORS WILL BE TEMPERED BY GOP WISH TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH U.S. WITH THIS IN MIND WE BELIEVE DISCUSSIONS BY USG EXPERT ON COMMON FUND WITH HOST GOVERNMENT PRIOR TO CONFERENCE WOULD BE USEFUL. TO HAVE WORTHWHILE EFFECT ON GOP POSITION DISCUSSIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE BY THIRD WEEK OF OCTOBER.

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